

Testimony Taken In Murder Trial

Testimony in the trial of Perry Wayne Lowery, 25, of Pembroke, in Hoke County Superior Court on a charge of first-degree murder in the May 9 shooting of Terry Wayne Locklear, 25, also of Pembroke, started Tuesday morning shortly after selection of the jury was completed.

Lowery has pleaded not guilty. Lowery is accused of shooting Locklear in the back at Brady's Club on N.C. 211 east, at the Robeson County line, shortly after midnight with a .32 caliber pistol.

The shooting reportedly resulted from a grudge between the two that started about a year before, the Hoke County Sheriff's Department

investigation shows.

Lacy Dewayne Lowery, 22, also of Pembroke, not related to the defendant, pleaded guilty Tuesday afternoon to a charge of being an accessory after the fact of murder.

Presiding Judge Albert Brannon set a presentencing hearing for Lacy Lowery for November 29 and ordered him held in custody.

A written statement made by the announcer at the club, Kenneth Bell, and read to the judge by Assistant District Attorney Jean Powell, says that after the shooting, bouncers grabbed Perry and Lacy Lowery as Perry passed the gun to Lacy. Later the gun was obtained from Lacy by officers.

The trial of Perry Lowery was recessed and the jurors left the courtroom at the judge's request for the hearing and action on Lacy Lowery's plea.

Perry Lowery's trial was resumed about 3:40 p.m., shortly after the judge acted on Lacy Lowery's plea.

Perry Lowery was arrested after a scuffle with officers, the investigation report says.

Judge Albert Brannon is presiding over the court term, which opened Monday and will continue through this week.

The court term was convened at 10 a.m. Monday, and the murder case was called for trial later in the day.



WANT HOME -- These two dogs being held by Raeferd Dog Warden Johnny Riley are among the healthy dogs and cats of all ages, sizes and kinds at the Hoke County-Raeferd city dog pound that would make good pets. Anyone interested in adopting animals is advised to contact the Raeferd Police Department or County Health Department. Riley says these two dogs, who came to the pound together are good watch dogs; they bark at strangers coming onto the property. The black dog is a male, the light one is female, and both, like all the animals at the pound, have had their proper "shots." Also they are very lively in a friendly way, which is why the photographer didn't get a better picture; they couldn't be persuaded to pose properly.

Area Incidents

Tools, Telephones Stolen

Break-ins and thefts of tools, telephones, and an auto battery were among the cases reported to the Hoke County Sheriff's Department recently.

Leroy McDuffie of Queenmore reported someone stole his \$50 car battery October 8 or 9.

Two telephones, a television set, a camera with flash gun, and a chain saw were stolen from Luther G. Scott's property at 3315 Hickory St., Raeferd, between November 7 and Saturday. The stolen property has a value of \$710.

Tools and spot lights valued at \$629 were stolen from Robert Womack's yard on Rt. 1, Red Springs, between November 7 and 9.

Someone broke into Park Chapel Church, Rt. 1, Raeferd, between Thursday and Saturday and stole a vacuum cleaner, a set of candles, a cross and a storm window. The property was valued at a total of

\$195.

Mariea Ford, Country Fair Mobile Home Park, Raeferd, reported someone broke into her residence Saturday and stole a \$648 color television set.

Carolina Telephone and Telegraph's Raeferd office reported someone pried the top off a telephone repeater between November 1 and 10.

The investigation report says there appeared to be no reason for the act outside of doing malicious damage.

Raeferd Police Chief Leonard Wiggins reported the following.

Henry L. McNeill, 511 Grant Ave., told police Saturday that someone cut the right rear tire of his car. The tire was worth \$53.

Diane Mercer, 207 E. Prospect Ave., reported that between November 8 and last Thursday two

rims were taken from her son's bicycle while it was in her back yard. The rims were worth \$25.

A woman's suit worth \$520 was reported Friday missing from the Gingham Edition, 327 N. Main St. The report says it vanished between November 4 and 11.

Someone got \$1.40 worth of gas at a pump outside The Pantry on East Central Avenue Saturday, then drove off without paying for it.

A 1966 Chevrolet owned by Everlona McBryde of Box 341, Red Springs, was stolen while she was at work at the House of Raeferd Saturday but was recovered in Fayetteville later that day.

Batteries from four trucks owned by Dick Weeks Construction Co. of Asheboro were reported stolen last weekend from the Rockfish substation.

Airport Funding Available

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been no "near misses" with jumpers being hit by aircraft, Thacker said.

Ironically, Thacker is credited with doing much to build the Raeferd Airport. The activity created by his jump school has not only helped with federal and state funding in the past, but has also prevented the facility from being deserted at times.

The jump operation is not the biggest concern of state officials.

"We had rather see Raeferd get a handle on running the airport," state Department of Transportation Director of Aeronautics Will G. Plentl said.

Like many other small airports in North Carolina, Raeferd has allowed the municipal facility here to be run with little supervision, Plentl said.

"It hasn't had the attention it should have," he added.

The state Department of Transportation will fund up to 50% of the funds not paid by federal grants and does have money for new airport terminals.

In addition to the lack of management, state officials also said they would like to see the landing site for jumpers moved from the Raeferd facility.

"If the airport expands and gets busy, parachute jumping will not mix well with the flying," state regional supervisor Jay Pate said.

Once the Raeferd airport is im-

proved, it will probably mean an increase in tax revenue to Hoke County, as well as a drawing card for industries, Pate said.

A drawback would be that the facility will probably never have regular passenger commuter service because of its close proximity to Fayetteville.

Raeferd needs to acquire land and extend runways and to pave taxi ways, Pate said.

The facility could also use a terminal building, he said.

The FAA could fund up to 90% of the improvement projects, the state 5% and local taxpayers would only have to pay 5%, Pate said.

Committee members are also looking into the feasibility of constructing hangers, which could be rented. No federal or state funds would be available for that money making project, however.

If hangers were built, all could be rented easily, Thacker said.

Most committee members expressed a willingness to work with the jumping operation, and changes in take-off and landing patterns are being studied which would take aircraft away from the parachutists.

Although committee members have expressed concerns about the airport's proximity to Ft. Bragg and low-flying Military Operations Areas (MOA), both the state officials and Robinson said the facility's location was not a problem.

"If we were concerned about the MOAs, we would be cutting off

funding to airports all over the state," Plentl said.

Both Robinson and Plentl said Raeferd was a good prospect for airport funding, if some of its operational problems are resolved.

1st Baptist Dedicated

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The ground for the new sanctuary building was broken in a ceremony May 2, with the pastor, the Rev. Billy Beaver, digging the first shovelful. He was followed by Ashwell Harward, chairman of the church's Building Committee, then Glenn Langdon, chairman of the Board of Deacons.

The old sanctuary building will be converted for use for educational purposes.

The old bell which for years from its wooden belfry atop the old building summoned worshippers to services will be placed in the garden behind the old church building. The garden is used for outdoor programs.

When wood is burned in a stove or fireplace, heat is used to evaporate water from the wood before heat is given off. That is why dry wood produces more useable heat than an equal volume of wet wood of the same species.

Hearing Slated For IEA

A proposal for the federal government to renew the Hoke County school system's Indian Education Act at the same levels as last year will be aired Thursday at 7 p.m. at the county courthouse.

Earl Oxendine, director of Indian education for the Hoke schools, explained Friday in announcing the public hearing that the hearing is required each year by the federal government before programs and funding for the ensuing year can be approved.

He also said the Hoke application will ask for \$104,000, the same amount the school system received

for 1982-83 but school officials expect about 40% less -- a total \$63,000 to \$64,000. -- to be granted, in view of the federal reductions in fundings.

The federal program is designed to meet the special education needs of Indian students, Oxendine said.

The main thrust, he added, is to get the Indian students involved in total programs at the various schools.

Before the programs were instituted in 1973, Indian students were not involved in extracurricular activities at their schools, principally Upchurch Junior High

School and Hoke County High School.

Since then, however, Oxendine said, "we've had our students totally involved" in such programs, particularly at Upchurch and Hoke High.

The principal components of the program, he said, are: counseling, at school and at-home for Indian students with problems with studies, attendance, or other; a medical-dental aid program; and transportation (to events of special interest to Indian students, as well as for other purposes); and in cultural arts.

Around Town

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sound. He must have been taken off that mission because no one in our group was pushed or had any trouble with Gatlin.

Maybe it would have been good if he had tried something, because the Presbyterian group didn't catch any fish.

I did not attend the open house of the new building of the First Baptist Church last Sunday, but I have received many comments from those in attendance at both the dedication service and the open house.

The dedication service was to a standing room only crowd Sunday

morning and the food at the picnic after the service was more than the crowd could eat. The seating capacity of the new building is approximately 450 and some say that over 100 were standing around the walls during the dedication service.

Everyone seems to think that the building is 100% OK and that it is as near perfect as you would want in all respects.

Of course I haven't talked to everyone that attended or received the opinion of everyone in the city, so I know that someone doesn't like some parts of the structure. I will only make this statement: "The building is built for the Glory of God and that will make it stand on its own."

There has been a bumper crop of pine straw and leaves this year and

once again the City of Raeferd has provided excellent work in keeping them moved from yards and street gutters.

The street and sanitation departments are to be commended.

Bob Bullard of Wagram, a member of old Battery "F", was by the house last week and had some pictures he had taken at the 1982 Reunion at Wrightsville Beach. He left the negatives with me and I had them developed and the pictures are at *The News-Journal* office.

If you would like to see the pictures, go by the office and Pam Frederick will be glad to show them to you. If you would like to borrow the negatives to have some prints made, she will let you have them.

Just remember, others may want some prints, so be sure to return the negatives.

Advice Given Co. For Zoning Here

The Hoke County commissioners last week received advice that zoning is ideally the first control to put in place for orderly growth and planning, and that if the commissioners wish to establish land-use controls, a Planning and Zoning Board be appointed.

Jim Perry, administrator-planner of the Lumbee River Council of Governments, met with commissioners at a work session November 8 on land-use controls, zoning ordinances and related matters.

Perry said he or a member of his staff would be willing to work with a county planning board as coordinator.

Some discussion was held on the possibility of enacting a zoning ordinance, and the North Carolina Building Code for the county at the same time.

John Balfour, chairman of the Board of County Commissioners, thanked Perry for meeting with the board and advised that further contact with him probably would be made in December.

The board adjourned without acting on the matter.

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